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84. The microbubble preparation of claim 120 wherein said gas osmotic agent comprises perfluorohexane and said modifier gas comprises air.

### REMARKS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/405,447, filed March 16, 1995, now United States Patent No. 5,639,443, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/099,951 filed July 30, 1993, now abandoned.

By the instant Amendment, new dependent claims 137-154 have been added to recite particularly preferred embodiments of the present invention. Support for the newly added claims may be found throughout the specification and examples as originally filed. More specifically, support for the use of perfluoropropane or perfluorohexane as gas osmotic agents may be found at Table 1 on page 27, lines 1-17. Similarly, support for the use of nitrogen, oxygen, carbon dioxide and air as modifier gases may be found at page 4, line 33, the paragraph bridging pages 24 and 25 and throughout the examples of the instant specification.

Applicants believe that all the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance for the same reasons advanced in the issued parent case. As such, allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number below if it is believed that this will expedite prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted

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